

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 20-24 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-18 and 20 have been examined and claims 21-24 are withdrawn as non-elected claims pursuant to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 5, 2008.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-18 and 20 would be allowed if rewritten or amended to overcome the claim objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

I. Claims Objections

Claims 1 and 20 are objected to for informalities. Applicants have amended claims 1-20 per the Examiner's suggestions. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw these objections in view of the self-explanatory claim amendments made herein.

II. Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended the claims per the Examiner's suggestions. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw these objections in view of the self-explanatory claim amendments made herein.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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